

February 10, 2016

**RE: Abou Elkassim Britel, Binyam Mohamed
Bisher Al-Rawi and Mohamed Farag Ahmad Bashmilah
P-1638-11
United States**

Excellency:

I have the honor of addressing Your Excellency on behalf of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in order to transmit to you, pursuant to Article 30(2) of its Rules of Procedure, copies of the pertinent parts of a petition involving, which was received by this Executive Secretariat on November 18, 2011.

I respectfully request that Your Excellency's Government submit a response to the petition within three months of the date of transmission of this letter, in compliance with Article 30(3) of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

This request for information implies no prejudgment regarding the decision the Commission may adopt with respect to the petition's admissibility.

In addition, I inform you that, based on Article 40(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission, at any stage of the examination of a petition or case, on its own initiative or at the request of the parties, the IACHR will place itself at the disposal of the petitioners and the State to reach a friendly settlement based on respect for the human rights established in the American Convention, the American Declaration, and other applicable instruments.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

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